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MINUTES

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

January 14-15, 1999
La Quinta, California

On January 15, 1999, awaiting the arrival of a sufficient number of Commissioners for a quorum, Chairman Sylvester convened the meeting as a Committee of the Whole at 1:35 p.m. at the La Quinta Civic Center City Council Chambers, 78-495 Calle Tampico, La Quinta, California with Commissioners Fleming, Reed and Sylvester in attendance. The Committee heard presentations of informational agenda items not requiring action by a quorum of the full Commission. They were joined at 1:50 p.m. by Commissioner Kozberg. With the arrival of Commissioner Wolf at 2:30 p.m. a quorum was established and the meeting of the full Commission was called to order.

The Commissioners attendance was as follows:

Members present: Edward Sylvester, Chairman
 David Fleming, Vice Chairman
 Octavia Diener, arrived at 3:10 p.m.
 Roger Kozberg
 Dana Reed
 Robert Wolf

Members absent: Senator Betty Karnette, Ex-Officio
 Assemblyman Tom Torlakson, Ex-Officio

The meeting recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened on January 15, 1999 at 8:35 a.m.

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1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.(1) Approval of Minutes for December 2-3, 1998 Meeting

The minutes were presented for approval. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chairman Fleming seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

1.(2) Commissioners' Meetings for Compensation

The List of Meetings for Compensation was presented for approval. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the List. Vice Chairman Fleming seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

1.(3) Consent Calendar

Deputy Director Robert Chung presented the changes to the Consent Calendar.

The changes to the Consent Calendar were as follows:

Item 2.3c Relinquishment Resolutions #R-3390 and #R-3391 were withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting.

Item 2.4b was pulled off the Consent Calendar for a separate vote because six Commissioners were required to vote on the item.

Item 2.5a Minor Projects #4, 6 16, and 20 were withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting resulting in a vote total of 28 minor projects for \$8.8 million.

Item 2.5b(1) STIP project #9 was withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting resulting in a total of 8 STIP projects for a vote total of \$36.7 million.

Item 2.5c EEM Project #7 Agenda Vote List and Book Item attachment was corrected to reflect the acquisition of approximately 302 acres rather than 140 acres.

Potential Consent Calendar Items 2.1a(4) and 2.5b(3) were reviewed by Deputy Director Robert Chung and Caltrans CTC Liaison Stephen Maller respectively. It was the consensus of the Commission to add these items to the Consent Calendar.

Vice Chairman Fleming moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

1.(4) Commission Reports

Chairman Sylvester welcomed Jose Medina, the new Caltrans Director. He also announced that the Governor's Office had withdrawn from consideration by the Senate Rules Committee appointments of Mary Berglund and Gary Burke thereby vacating those appointments. He also announced the following Committee assignments for 1999:

Oversight and Executive Committee	Chairman Sylvester, Commissioners Fleming and Wolf
Public Transit Committee	Commissioners Reed (Chairman) and Kozberg
Interregional Committee	Commissioners Fleming (Chairman) and Wolf
Financial Issues Liaison	Commissioner Wolf
Aeronautics Committee Liaison	Vice Chairman Fleming
Air Space Committee Liaison	Commissioner Kozberg
Goods Movement Liaison	Vice Chairman Fleming
Local Streets and Roads Liaison	Commissioner Wolf
Project Cost Changes Liaison	Chairman Sylvester
Rail Right of Way Issues Liaison	Commissioner Reed
Rural Task Force Liaison	Chairman Sylvester

1.(5) Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Report

Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency Undersecretary Ken Bosanko, representing BT&H Secretary Maria Contreras-Sweet, discussed her intentions to work closely with the Commission. He also reported on the status of the NCRA shutdown and on Colton Crossing.

1.(6) Caltrans Report

Caltrans Director Jose Medina discussed some of the priorities and philosophies he will be using as the newly appointed Director of Transportation. He also read a message from BT&H Secretary Maria Contreras-Sweet concerning Governor Davis' priority to improve the State's infrastructure, in particular addressing the 1998 STIP augmentation.

Commissioner Reed discussed the importance of the ITIP and asked Caltrans staff to provide an opportunity for the Commissioners to review the preliminary proposals for the draft interregional program.

ACTION: J. Nicholas

1.(7) Regional Agencies Report

Regional Agencies Moderator Therese McMillan reported on the RTPA Meeting and noted that she would discuss the regional agencies' concerns as the agenda items were presented.

1.(8) Overview of Transportation in the Coachella Valley by Dick Cromwell, III, General Manager, SunLine Transit Agency; Corky Larson, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments; and Eric Haley, Executive Director, Riverside County Transportation Commission; Michael Daly, Director, Advanced Transportation Technology Initiative

The following individuals presented information on transportation plans and issues in the Coachella Valley:

- John Pena, City of La Quinta Mayor
- Michael Daly, Advanced Transportation Technology Initiative Director
- Jack van Haster, Riverside Transportation Commission Chairman
- Corky Larson, Coachella Valley Association of Governments Director
- Dick Cromwell, Sunlight Transit Agency General Manager

2. PROJECT BUSINESS MATTERS**2.1 Program Amendments/Project Approvals****2.1a. STIP Amendment for Action**

- 2.1a.(1)** STIP Amendment 98S-15 - Action
Reprograms \$2,500,000 from San Diego's Short Term Reserve - Project Reports and Environmental in Fiscal Year 1998-99 to a new project to study the impacts of Managed/HOV lanes along the Interstate Route 15 Corridor between "H" Avenue and Route 78 in the cities of San Diego and Escondido. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(2)** STIP Amendment 98S-16 - Action
Advances \$60,000 in Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds currently programmed in FY 2000-01 to FY 1998-99. The El Dorado County Transportation Commission is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(3)** STIP Amendment 98S-17 - Action
Advances \$82,000 in Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds programmed in FY 1999-00 to FY 1998-99 and combines it with \$83,000 already programmed in the FY1998-99, for a total of \$165,000. The Tahoe Area Regional Planning Agency is requesting this amendment.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1a.(4)** STIP Amendment 98S-18 - Action
Reprograms a total of \$149,262,000 from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) East Side (\$50,000,000) and Mid-City (\$40,000,000) extension projects, 1998 STIP Short-Term Reservation (\$10,100,000), 1998 STIP Unprogrammed Balance (\$49,162,000), and advances a total of \$1,838,000 from LACMTA's Regional Improvement Program (RIP) shares expected to be made available in the 1998 Amended Fund Estimate from 1996 STIP Savings (\$1,035,000) and Added Share (\$803,000), for a total of \$151,100,000 to a new Bus Procurement project. In addition, this amendment transfers applicant status for the Pasadena Blue Line Extension projects from LACMTA to the Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority (PMBLCA), including \$257,900,000 in programmed yet unallocated funds and \$76,500,000 in previously programmed and allocated funds. LACMTA is requesting this amendment.

Deputy Director Robert Chung presented this item on the Potential Consent Calendar. During the discussion, staff was directed to (1) work with LACMTA and Pasadena MetroBlue Line Construction Authority (PMBLCA) to develop, prior to the February Commission Meeting, the draft MOU for approval at the February Commission meeting and (2) schedule a presentation for the February Commission meeting on the status of any filings relative to the decree and MTA responses to concerns raised by the Bus Riders' Union and NAACP Legal Defense Fund at the December Commission meeting.

ACTION: R. Chung

This item was then approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1b. STIP Amendments for Notice**2.1b.(1) STIP Amendment 98S-19 - Notice**

Reprograms \$27,432,000 in cost savings from a downscoped Route 15 project in San Diego County to three Route 125 projects as follows: \$24,007,000 to backfill local measure funds that will be redirected elsewhere in the Region, \$2,000,000 to fund a cost increase, and \$1,425,000 to fund a required mitigation revegetation project. The Department and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) are requesting this amendment.

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, reviewed the STIP amendment and noted that the Department recommends that it be placed on the Consent Calendar and approved at the February meeting.

2.1b.(2) STIP Amendment 98S-20 - Notice

Programs an additional \$244,000 in State Only funds to the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) element of the Campus Parkway project in Merced County. The \$244,000 will come from Merced County's unprogrammed Regional Improvement Program (RIP) balance. The Merced County Association of Governments is requesting this amendment.

Debra Pritchard, Caltrans, reviewed the STIP amendment and discussed two alternatives noting that the Department recommends Alternative B for action at the February meeting.

2.1b.(3) STIP Amendment 98S-21 - Notice

Reprograms and splits a \$53,267,000 Route 1 (Cuesta Grade) truck lane project in San Luis Obispo County programmed in FY 1998-99 into three projects: a \$46,492,000 truck lane project programmed in FY 1998-99; a \$1,155,000 park and ride project to be programmed in FY 1999-2000; and a \$662,000 planting mitigation project to be programmed in FY 2000-01, with a total project savings of \$4,958,000. The Department is requesting this amendment.

Wayne Lewis, Caltrans, reviewed the STIP amendment.

2.1c. TCI Amendments for Action

No Items This Month

2.1d. Proposition 116 - Non-Urban County Project Approvals/Amendments

- 2.1d.(1)** Project Approval Amendment for the County of Lassen to reduce the amount programmed for transit service office equipment from \$15,421 to \$6,377, a difference of \$9,044; reduce the scope and cost of the transit vehicle acquisition project from eight buses for \$1,271,000 to seven buses for \$849,899, a difference of \$421,101; and program a new Transit Maintenance Facility Improvement project for \$430,145. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation Amendment under 2.6e and concurrent Allocation under 2.6b(3)). Resolution PA-99-01 Amending Resolution PA-93-09

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.1d.(2)** Project Approval Amendment for the County of Lake to reduce the amount programmed for five pedestrian facility projects from \$468,766 to \$463,969, a cost savings of \$4,797; and increase the amount programmed for a City of Lakeport pedestrian facility project from \$104,200 to \$108,997, an increase of \$4,797. (Consistent with concurrent Allocation Amendment under 2.6e and concurrent Allocation under 2.6b(3)). Resolution PA-99-02 Amending Resolution PA-96-35

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.1e. Proposition 116 - Rail Project Approvals/Amendments

No Items This Month

2.1f. Proposition 116 - Competitive Bicycle Program

- Reassignment of \$765,000 in Proposition 116 Competitive Bicycle Program funds to alternative eligible project(s). Resolution PA-99-____

Chief Deputy Director Pete Hathaway discussed the background of reassigning the \$765,000 of Proposition 116 funds. He discussed the options and recommended doing a STIP amendment to add 3 projects and add the Oakland Embarcadero Bay Trail project to the Proposition 116 Competitive Bicycle Program. The Commission accepted his recommendation and asked staff to prepare the necessary STIP and Proposition 116 amendments for the bicycle and TEA projects.

ACTION: P. Hathaway

Chief Deputy Director Hathaway then reported on this recent trip to Washington D. C. to attend the Transportation Research Board Conference.

2.2 Environmental Matters**2.2a.** Comments on Document in Circulation (Draft EIR)

- Route 7 in Imperial County - Construct a highway on new alignment between Route 98 and Interstate 8 east of the Cities of El Centro and Calexico.

Executive Director Remen reviewed the project and reported that there were no comments recommended at this time. The Commission accepted the report without comment.

2.2b. Approval of Project for Future Consideration of Funding (Negative Declaration)**2.2b.(1)** Route 101 in Monterey County - Modify the Route 101/Route 156 Interchange in the community of Prunedale.
Resolution E-99-10

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.2b.(2) Route 1 in Monterey County - Operational Improvement Number 5, widen Route 1 and Carmel Valley Road near the City of Carmel-By-The-Sea.
Resolution E-99-11

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3 Highway Route Matters**2.3a.** Route Adoptions

No Items This Month

2.3b. New Public Road Connections

No Items This Month

2.3c. Seven Relinquishment Resolutions

- 04-CC-680-KP R10.3/R11.1 Route 680 in the Town of Danville.
Resolution R-3386
- 06-Ker-223-KP R17.5/R27.5 Route 223 in the County of Kern.
Resolution R-3387
- 07-LA-2-7.7/10.6 Route 2 in the City of West Hollywood.
Resolution R-3388
- 07-LA-19-0.0/4.0 Route 19 in the City of Long Beach.
Resolution R-3389
- 08-SBd-58,15- R29.0/R33.3, 71.9 Routes 58 and 15 in the
County of San Bernardino.
Resolution R-3392
- 08-SBd-58,15- R33.3/R35.2, 70.0/71.9 Routes 58 and 15 in the
City of Barstow.
Resolution R-3393
- 08-Riv-79-31.2 Route 79 in the County of Riverside.
Resolution R-3394

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.3d. Vacation Resolutions

No Items This Month

2.4 Highway Right of Way Matters**2.4a. Resolutions of Necessity - Appearances**

No Items This Month

2.4b. 28 Resolutions of Necessity
C-17614, C-17616 through C-17625
C-17627 through C-17630
C-17632 through C-17634
C-17636 through C-17643

Item 2.4b Resolutions of Necessity#C-17615, C-17626, C-17635, and C-17631 were withdrawn by the Department prior to the meeting; #C-17614 book item description revised the parcel description to include parcel number 011630-01-01 in addition to the parcel listed.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve the Resolutions of Necessary. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

2.4c. Airspace Lease Direct Negotiation -

No Items This Month

2.4d. Director's Deeds

Items #1 Through #5
Excess Lands - Return to State: \$421,100
Return to Others: \$0

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5 Highway Financial Matters**2.5a.** Financial Vote for Minor Projects. Twenty-eight Minor Projects totaling \$8.8 million plus \$978,190 from other sources.
Resolution FP-98-41

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b. Financial Vote for STIP/SHOPP Projects on the State Highway System.**2.5b.(1)** Eight STIP Projects totaling \$36.7 million plus \$17,166,000 from other sources.
Resolution FP-98-42

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b.(2) Nineteen SHOPP Projects totaling \$62,081,000.
Resolution FP-98-43

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5b.(3) Two SHOPP Projects Amended into the SHOPP by Department Action totaling \$3.4 million.
Resolution FP-98-44

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.5c. Financial Vote for STIP/EEM Projects off the State Highway System**2.5c.(1)** One Local Assistance STIP Project for \$2,100,000.
Resolution FP-98-45

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(2)** Seven Local Assistance EEM Projects for \$1,492,550 plus \$2,684,050 from other sources.
Resolution FP-98-46

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5c.(3)** One Local Assistance EEM Project for \$200,000 plus \$100,000 from other sources.
Resolution FP-98-47

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5d.** Financial Vote for Projects with Cost Increases Greater than 120 Percent of Program Amount. One Project at \$1,311,000.
Resolution FP-98-48
- 09-Iny-395 - SHOPP Project in Inyo County on Route 395. Rehabilitate roadway. Current programmed value of \$894,000 and current estimate of \$1,311,000, for a 47 percent increase over programmed amount.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, described the project and discussed the options for the pavement rehabilitation.

Commissioner Reed moved to approve Option A. Vice Chairman Fleming seconded the motion which carried 5-0 (Commissioner Diener was absent).

- 2.5e.** Financial Vote for Supplemental Funds for Previously Voted Projects
No Items This Month

- 2.5f.** Emergency Allocations

- 2.5f.(1)** Informational Report - Emergency G-11 Allocations
Six Projects totaling \$2,735,000, plus four additional projects totaling \$1,710,000 approved by the Department after preparation of the January 1999 Meeting material, for a total of ten emergency projects totaling \$4,445,000.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the Emergency G-11 allocations.

- 2.5f.(2)** Informational Report - Phase II Seismic Retrofit G-11 Allocations
Two Projects totaling \$10,405,000

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed the 2 seismic G-11 allocations and discussed the status of Phase II which was 95% completed.

- 2.5g.** Financial Transfer of \$91,000,000 in State funds as authorized in the Budget Act of 1998 within the Local Assistance Appropriation and Financial Transfer of \$51,000,000 within the Capital Outlay Appropriation. Resolution FM-99-04

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.5h.** Amendment to Resolution DTP-98-03. Allocation of \$5,725,000 dated October 27, 1998. Allocation increase of \$142,000, for Planning, Programming, and Monitoring activities for the County of El Dorado and the Tahoe Area Regional Planning Agency, for a total revised allocation of \$5,867,000 for FY 1998-99. (Consistent with concurrent STIP Amendments 98S-16 and 98S-17.) Resolution DTP-98-04, Replacing Resolution DTP-98-03

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

- 2.6a.** Financial Vote for TCI Program Projects

See Item 2.6d

- 2.6b.** Financial Vote for Proposition 116 Bond Fund Projects

- 2.6b.(1)** Local Proposition 116 Rail Program Project

No Items This Month

- 2.6b.(2)** State Proposition 116 Rail Projects

No Items This Month

- 2.6b.(3)** Three Local Proposition 116 Non-Urban County Projects totaling \$1,015,118. (Consistent with concurrent Project Application Approval Amendments under 2.1d.(1) and 2.1d.(2), and Allocation Amendments under 2.6e.) Resolution BFP-98-18

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6c.** Financial Vote for two STIP Rail/Transit Projects totaling \$3,535,000 Resolution MFP-98-16

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6d.** Financial Vote for one Multiple Program Funded Project including \$600,000 in Transit Capital Improvement Program funds and \$6,320,000 in State Transportation Improvement Program funds, for a total of \$6,920,000. Resolution MFP-98-17

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6e.** Allocation Amendments for two Proposition 116 Non-Urban Program Projects

- 2.6e.(1)** County of Lake - De-allocates a total of \$4,797 in cost savings from a Lake County Pedestrian Project. (Concurrent Project Approval Amendment under 2.1d.(2) and Allocation under 2.6b.(3).) Resolution BFA-98-07, Amending Resolution BFP-96-19

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

- 2.6e.(2)** County of Lassen - De-allocates a total of \$51,121 in cost savings from the purchase of paratransit vehicles. (Concurrent Project Approval Amendment under 2.1d.(1) and Allocation under 2.6b.(3).) Resolution BFA-98-08, Amending Resolution BFP-93-14

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.7 Aeronautics Financial Matters

Allocation of \$394,679 for FY 1998-99 California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) funds for three projects from the 1998 Aeronautics Program. Resolution FDOA-99-1

- City of Fullerton - Fullerton Municipal Airport in Orange County
\$314,179 - Overlay Runway
- County of Siskiyou - Siskiyou County Airport in Siskiyou County
\$58,500 - Crack Seal Runway
- County of Riverside - Chiriaco Summit Airport in Riverside County
\$22,000 - Construct Turnarounds - Runway 24

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

2.8 Waiver of Commission Policy

No Items This Month

2.9 Technical Changes to Previously Approved Resolutions

- Resolution FP-98-33. Originally approved December 2, 1998, for \$5,164,000 in State and federal funds for sixteen (16) Minor projects. Correction to funding mix, program code, and project parameters for Project #7 (05S-SLO-227,EA 407901) for \$296,000.

This item was approved on the Consent Calendar.

3. PROGRAM STATUS**3.1 Caltrans Monthly FY 1998-99 Finance Report**

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, presented the monthly Finance Report. She also discussed the Governor's proposed Caltrans budget for FY 1999-2000, totaling \$7.9 billion. She discussed some of the differences in the proposed budget and the fund estimate and answered questions about comparison to the current year's budget.

3.2 Monthly Report on Status of Projects Previously Voted but not Awarded

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reported on the status of six projects previously voted but not yet awarded.

3.3 Status Report on Delivery Reform Effort

Regional Agencies Moderator Therese McMillan discussed the Regional Agencies focus on project delivery goals and activities.

Jack Boda, Caltrans, reviewed Caltrans' process improvements and District operational plans.

Bob Buckley, Caltrans, reviewed the local assistance and tracking system and Internet data collection.

The Commission asked Regional Agency and Caltrans staff to present at the May Commission meeting an update on efforts to improve program delivery.

ACTION: T. McMillan/J. Boda

3.4 Status Report on Updating Project Study Report Guidelines

Debbie Mah, Caltrans, discussed the status of updating the Project Study Report Guidelines.

4. POLICY MATTERS

4.1 State Legislative Matters

Deputy Director Chuck Oldham reviewed the membership of several legislative committees including the Senate Transportation Committee. He also reviewed SB 17 (Figueroa) and several other bills of interest to the Commission. Vice Chairman Fleming moved to support SB 17 and direct staff to send a letter of support to Senator Figueroa. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

ACTION: C. Oldham

Commissioner Kozberg discussed concerns about conflicting legislation for HOV lanes. Staff was asked to prepare a comparative review of all bills related to HOV lanes for presentation at the February meeting.

ACTION: C. Oldham

4.2 Adoption of 1998 STIP Fund Estimate Amendment and County Shares Resolution G-99-01

Joan Borucki, Caltrans, discussed issues affecting the Fund Estimate including fund transfers from the State Highway Account to other funds, obligational authority distribution, safety grant funding, and the Public Transportation Account estimates.

After discussion, and in keeping with the statement from Secretary Contreras-Sweet presented earlier by Caltrans Director Medina, Vice Chairman Fleming moved to adopt the 1998 STIP Fund Estimate Amendment. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

4.3 Report on December 18, 1998 Workshop on Local Street & Road Rehabilitation Projects

Executive Director Remen reported on the Local Streets and Roads Rehabilitation Workshop and recommended the Commission consider and adopt ten reforms related to programming and funding local rehabilitation projects which were identified at the workshop. The ten points, which he read into the record were as follows:

1. On-going Eligibility - restate Commission view that local rehabilitation projects are STIP-eligible on an on-going basis.
2. Project Study Reports - simplify PSR requirements for local rehabilitation projects.
3. Threshold of Eligibility - underscore that the standard for local rehabilitation projects should be the federal standard (5 year life rather than 10 year life).
4. Redress - recognize that cities and counties that feel they were excluded from consideration by regional agencies can so advise the Commission at STIP hearings.
5. Monitoring - commit to tracking and monitoring programmed local rehabilitation projects through quarterly reports.
6. Analysis - profile local rehabilitation projects in Staff Recommendation report prior to STIP adoption.

7. Delegate Allocation Vote - delegate to Caltrans allocation vote for local pavement rehabilitation projects with stipulation that projects varying from STIP commitments would still be voted by the Commission.
8. \$300 million Minimum Target - for the 1998 STIP augmentation, establish a target of at least \$300 million for local rehabilitation projects, program-wide, rather than region-by-region.
9. State Cash - for the 1998 STIP augmentation, of the \$700 million in State-cash-only programming capacity, target up to \$300 million for local rehabilitation projects.
10. Timing - underscore that regions should aim local rehabilitation projects at the first two years of the 1998 STIP where \$800 million of the \$1.7 billion in new programming capacity and some \$300 million of nearly \$700 million in State cash capacity are found.

The Commissioners discussed the recommended reforms. During the discussion, they reaffirmed their actions and support of local rehabilitation programming which included a segment of the Annual Report regarding the need to protect existing public investments in California's transportation system, meetings with Senator Burton to discuss funding proposals for local system rehabilitation and maintenance, and support for a FY 1999-00 budget authorization for a statewide needs study of local system rehabilitation. Regional Agencies Moderator Therese McMillan expressed support for the ten points.

Vice Chairman Fleming moved to support the ten points. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

4.4 Delegations of Authority to Department of Transportation

- A. Delegation of Project Allocation Authority to the Department of Transportation for Local Storm Damage and Local Street & Road Pavement Rehabilitation Projects
Resolution G-99-02
- B. Delegation of Project Allocation Authority to the Department of Transportation for State Highway Pavement Rehabilitation Projects

Commissioner Reed moved to approve Item 4.4A. Vice Chairman Fleming seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Jim Nicholas, Caltrans, reviewed Item 4.4B noting that Caltrans would come back to the Commission for allocation approval if it needed to change project scope and that Caltrans would provide a pavement rehabilitation report to the Commission on a monthly basis.

Commissioner Reed moved to refer Item 4.4B to the Oversight and Executive Committee for review prior to Commission approval. Vice Chairman Fleming seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

4.5 Adoption of Revisions to 1998 STIP Interim Guidelines Relative to 1998
STIP Amendment
Resolution G-99-03

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, reviewed the proposed changes to the 1998 STIP Interim Guidelines and recommended approval.

Executive Director Remen spoke in support of the proposed changes.

Will Kleindeinst, Mayor of Palm Springs, spoke in support of the STIP amendment and discussed growth of the transportation system in the region.

Vice Chairman Fleming moved to adopt the Revisions. Commissioner Diener seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

4.6 Proposed Guidelines for Allocation, Monitoring, and Auditing of Funds for
Local Assistance Projects, Pursuant to Government Code Section 14529.1 (SB 45)

Garland Hagan, Caltrans, reviewed the statute requirements and discussed the brief guidelines. The Commission requested that the draft guidelines be distributed to all regional agencies.

ACTION: G. Hagan

4.7 Proposed Amendments for TEA Program Guidelines for Caltrans' Share
Resolution G-99-04

Marsha Mason, Caltrans, discussed the proposed amendments to the TEA Program Guidelines to cover Caltrans' \$40 million share of the TEA Program. Commissioner Reed moved to approve the amendments. Commissioner Kozberg seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

4.8 Commission Report to Legislature on Relative Success of Provisions of
Senate Bill 45 (Kopp, 1997)

Executive Director Remen discussed the statutory requirements for reporting to the legislature on the relative success of provisions of SB 45 (Kopp). After discussing the options, Vice Chairman Fleming moved to prepare a letter to the Assembly and Senate Transportation Committees advising them of the Commission's intent to take several additional weeks beyond the February deadline to complete an assessment of the SB 45 process under the 1998 STIP to allow for a full assessment of the report by Caltrans and regional agencies. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

ACTION: B. Remen

4.9 Technical Advisory Committee on Aeronautics Annual Report

Mark Mispagel, TACA Chairman, presented an overview of the annual report. Jim Monger, TACA Vice Chairman and Director of San Bernardino International Airport, discussed the growth of the airport. Deputy Director Chuck Oldham discussed the magnitude of airport growth and its importance to California. He also acknowledge the contribution of the TACA Committee volunteers. Chairman Sylvester requested that staff prepare a letter for his signature expressing appreciation for service by the members of the TACA.

ACTION: C. Oldham

4.10 FY 1997-98 Airspace Annual Report

Stephen Maller, Caltrans, presented the annual report which was accepted without comment from the Commission.

**4.11 Report on Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21)
Datelines and Associated Actions**

Rick Terry, Caltrans, discussed the status of TEA-21 activities. The Commission discussed the discretionary programs and asked Caltrans to report at the February Commission meeting on the status of discretionary program allocations and high priority demonstration projects specified in TEA-21.

ACTION: A. Glenn

5. MODAL ISSUES**5.1 Rail**

No Items This Month

5.2 Highways**5.2a. Report on Progress in Resolving Outstanding Issues for Empire Avenue/I-5
Improvement Project**

Tony Harris, Caltrans, discussed the status of resolving issues for the Empire Avenue/I-5 Improvement project. David Grannis, representing the City of Burbank, thanked Mr. Harris and Commissioner Fleming for their leadership, involvement, and time spent on this project.

5.2b. Status Report on Schuyler Heim Bridge Retrofit Versus Replacement

Tony Harris, Caltrans, discussed the needed improvements and the related costs for the Schuyler Heim Bridge and compared the improvement costs to the replacement cost. He indicated continuing efforts to work with the Port authorities to resolve the design requirements of the bridge so as to ultimately resolve the decision whether to improve or replace the bridge and how to fund that work.

6. OTHER MATTERS

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Robert I. Remen, Executive Director